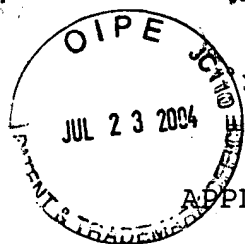


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2004 (Paper No.200405) in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the Application as follows: